

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON TAXATION**

**Call to Order:** Chair Jeff Essmann, on January 24, 2017 at 8:00 AM, in Room 152  
Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Jeff Essmann, Chair (R)  
Rep. Kelly Flynn, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Tom Jacobson, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Kim Abbott (D)  
Rep. Becky Beard (R)  
Rep. Zach Brown (D)  
Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)  
Rep. Dave Fern (D)  
Rep. Wylie Galt (R)  
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)  
Rep. Adam Hertz (R)  
Rep. George G. Kipp III (D)  
Rep. Steve Lavin (R)  
Rep. James O'Hara (R)  
Rep. Alan Redfield (R)  
Rep. Bridget Smith (D)  
Rep. Tom Welch (R)  
Rep. Kerry White (R)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Ehli  
Rep. G. Hertz

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Margot Miltenberger, Committee Secretary  
Megan Moore, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 187, 1/17/2017; HB 188, 1/17/2017; HB 224, 1/17/2017; HB 242, 1/17/2017

**HEARING ON HB 224**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:40 Rep. Tom Jacobson (D), HD 21, opened the hearing on HB 224, Extending veterans' exemption to property used or leased by organization.

**Proponents:** None

**Opponents:**

00:04:52 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayer's Association

**Informational Witnesses:**

00:06:10 Cynthia Monteau Moore, Department of Revenue (DOR)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:06:38 Rep. Fern  
00:07:05 Rep. Jacobson  
00:08:37 Rep. Fern  
00:09:16 Rep. Jacobson  
00:09:27 Rep. Dunwell  
00:09:55 Rep. Jacobson  
00:10:15 Rep. Dunwell  
00:10:27 Rep. Jacobson  
00:11:05 Rep. Welch  
00:11:25 Rep. Jacobson  
00:12:10 Cynthia Monteau Moore, DOR  
00:12:41 Chair Essmann  
00:13:53 Rep. Jacobson  
00:14:37 Chair Essmann  
00:16:52 Cynthia Monteau Moore, DOR  
00:17:06 Chair Essmann

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:17:21 Rep. Jacobson

00:18:17 Rep. Flynn took the chair

**HEARING ON HB 187**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:19:03 Rep. Jim Hamilton (D), HD 61, opened the hearing on HB 187, Establish an angel investor/venture capital tax credit.

[EXHIBIT\(tah17a01\)](#)

**Proponents:**

00:24:17 Will Price, Next Frontier Capital

[EXHIBIT\(tah17a02\)](#)

00:29:56 Richard Harjes, Next Frontier Capital

00:35:13 Dennis O'Brien, Self

00:39:22 Larry Johnson, Self  
00:45:51 Stan Abel, SiteOne Therapeutics  
00:52:44 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC)  
[EXHIBIT\(tah17a03\)](#)

00:55:12 Steve Turkiewicz, Montana Bankers Association (MBA)

**Opponents:** None

**Informational Witnesses:**

00:57:45 Dan Dodds, Department of Revenue (DOR)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:58:05 Rep. White  
01:00:53 Rep. Hamilton  
01:01:21 Rep. A. Hertz  
01:04:10 Rep. Hamilton  
01:04:33 Rep. Dunwell  
01:06:19 Dan Dodds, DOR  
01:07:45 Rep. Dunwell  
01:08:35 Will Price, Next Frontier Capital  
01:09:53 Rep. Beard  
01:11:45 Rep. Hamilton  
01:12:07 Rep. Fern  
01:13:10 Richard Harjes, Next Frontier Capital  
01:16:27 Rep. Z. Brown  
01:20:35 Rep. Hamilton  
01:21:49 Rep. Welch  
01:22:13 Rep. Hamilton  
01:22:51 Megan Moore, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
01:23:30 Rep. Welch  
01:24:17 Rep. Hamilton  
01:24:28 Dan Dodds, DOR  
01:25:27 Rep. Z. Brown  
01:26:05 Dan Dodds, DOR

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:26:26 Rep. Hamilton

**HEARING ON HB 188**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:32:08 Rep. Jim Hamilton (D), HD 61, opened the hearing on HB 188, Enact a Small Business Growth Encouragement Act.

**Proponents:**

01:38:43 Richard Harjes, Next Frontier Capital  
01:42:17 Stan Abel, SiteOne Therapeutics  
01:43:58 Dennis O'Brien, Venture Capital

**Opponents:** None

**Informational Witnesses:**

01:47:05 Dan Dodds, Department of Revenue (DOR)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:47:18 Rep. A. Hertz

01:47:51 Rep. Hamilton

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:48:26 Rep. Hamilton

01:53:52 Recessed

02:04:32 Reconvened

**HEARING ON HB 242**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

02:04:53 Rep. Tom Jacobson (D), HD 21, opened the hearing on HB 242, Constitutional amendment to establish natural resources trust fund.

**EXHIBIT(tah17a04)**

**Proponents:**

02:12:52 Tucker Finley, Montana Public Interest Research Group (MontPIRG)

02:13:22 Ella Smith, Northern Plains Resource Council (NPRC)

02:15:46 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon

**Opponents:**

02:17:27 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association

02:20:39 John Metropoulos, Montana Association of Oil, Gas and Coal Counties (MAOGCC)

**Informational Witnesses:**

02:23:57 Gene Walborn, Department of Revenue (DOR)

02:24:13 Sam Schaefer, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

02:24:35 Rep. Redfield

02:24:50 Rep. Jacobson

02:25:13 Rep. Redfield

02:25:40 Rep. Jacobson

02:26:42 Rep. Fern

02:27:27 Rep. Jacobson

02:28:12 Rep. A. Hertz

02:28:42 Rep. Jacobson

02:29:07 Gene Walborn, DOR

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:29:57 Rep. Jacobson

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 02:32:43

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Margot Miltenberger, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([tah17aad.pdf](#))